

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

My current cost for phone service already exceeds what I pay for electricity, water and trash collection, heating is the only utility I pay of greater expense. I do not wish to pay more! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

I make very few long distance calls, some months none at all. If it were not for security reasons I would seriously consider dropping phone service altogether. Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people like me would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls every day. Low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. Is that fair!

I also keep a prepaid wireless phone for emergency use. I don't want to have to decide to either give that up or further subsidize big businesses so I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Sincerely,

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